(d) if so, what steps have been taken to benefit our side alsp?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) Indo-Myanmar Border Agreement as was signed on 21st Jan, 1994 between India and Myanmar specifically provides for a periodical review by both sides to ensure successful implementation of the objective and provisions of the agreement. Accordingly it is being reviewed from time to time at Government level talks. The last such review has taken place on 28th and 29th Oct, 1998 at Yangon in Myanmar. During such Government level talks, the implementation of the Indo-Myanmar Trade Agreement which offers Most Favoured Nation treatment to each other, is also being reviewed with a view to enhance the bilateral trade.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Sector-Wise Exports

1269. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the export registered by India in the last six months with the sector-wise details;

(b) the comparison of this performance with corresponding figures for the last three years;

(c) whether any assessment of this performance has been made till now;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of the steps contemplated towards mid-term Correction?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) According to the latest available data from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) the value of exports during April-November, 1998-99 was US $ 21476 million. The Sector-wise details of exports during April-November, 1998-99 and also during the corresponding period in the last three years are given as follows:

US $ Million

Sector-wise details of exports for April-November

Commodities	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Plantations	556	486	563	640
Agri. & Allied Products	2214	2856	2496	2447
Marine Products	681	747	828	710
Ores & Minerals	738	759	677	522
Leather & Manufactures	1141	1081	1022	1020
Gems & Jewellery	3408	3119	3231	3723
Sports Goods	48	54	54	47
Chemicals & related products	2392	2599	2924	2582
Engineering goods	2255	2481	2807	2349
Electronics (Hardware)	407	519	522	291
Project goods	15	26	62	30
Textiles	4656	5090	5557	5173
Handicrafts	311	325	379	446
Carpets	370	379	386	305
Cotton raw including waste	30	271	206	38
Petroleum products	298	333	286	87
Unclassified exports	222	214	263	1016

Source: DGCI&S

(c) to (f) The assessment of trade performance is done on a regular basis. A number of steps have been taken to promote exports which include lowering of interest rates on export credit, reduction in transaction cost through decentralisation and simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions. The Government is also initiating action through several measures to facilitate investment in sectors with strong export potential, encourage diversification of India's export basket, address infrastructure short comings, improve export facilitation measures and the enhance the overall competitiveness of Indian exports. The Government is according high priority to exports and all necessary steps are being taken to put exports on high growth trajectory.

Amendment of exim policy

1270. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to amend the Exim Policy 1997—2002 for introducing a new Exim Policy exclusively for the service sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the new Exim Policy is likely to be announced; and

(d) what additional benefits are proposed to be granted to the service sectors as a result of the new policy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) to (d) Review of Export and Import Policy is an on going process and amendments are made as and when considered necessary based on the suggestions received from various sectors/ organisations. Revised edition of the Export and Import Policy will be announced shortly.

सस्ते उत्पादों का पाटन (डम्पिंग)

1271. **श्री ओम प्रकाश कोहली:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उद्योग जगत ने सरकार का ध्यान सस्ते उत्पादों के पाटन (डम्पिंग) की ओर दिलाया है;

(ख) क्या हमारे उद्योग, इस पाटन (डम्पिंग) के कारण असुरक्षित महसूस कर रहे हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस पाटन (डम्पिंग) के कारण प्रभावित घरेलू उद्योगों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए क्या उपाय किये हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री रामकृष्ण हेगडे): (क) से (ग) जी, हां। पाटनरोधी महानिदेशालय को समय-समय पर घरेलू उद्योग से याचिकाएं प्राप्त होती रहती हैं जिनमें पाटन तथा क्षति का आरोप लगाया गया है। विश्व-व्यापार संगठन के करार तथा भारत में सीमाशुल्क अधिनियम के अनुसार पाटनरोधी कार्रवाई की शुरुआत करने में इस बात की आवश्यकता होती है कि पूर्ण रूप से प्रलेखित याचिका पाटनरोधी प्राधिकारियों को प्रस्तुत की जाए जिसमें पाटन, घरेलू उद्योग को होने वाली वास्तविक क्षति और पाटन तथा क्षति के बीच कारणात्मक संबंधों के बारे में साक्ष्य दिए गए हों। पाटनरोधी महानिदेशालय ऐसी याचिका के प्राप्त होने पर नियमों के अनुसार पाटनरोधी कार्रवाई शुरू करता है। कलैंडर वर्ष 1998 और फरवरी, 1999 तक निदेशालय ने 15 मामलों में पाटनरोधी शुल्क लगाने की सिफारिश की है जिनमें भिन्न-भिन्न देशों के मूल के विभिन्न उत्पाद शामिल हैं। निदेशालय ने चार मामलों में अनंतिम शुल्क लगाने की भी सिफारिश की है तथा अन्य पांच मामलों की जांच चल रही है। निदेशालय द्वारा की गई उपर्युक्त कार्रवाई से भारत में वस्तुओं को पाटित करने के विरुद्ध घरेलू उद्योग को सुरक्षा मिलती है।

Brand equity fund

1272. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a 'Brand Equity Fund' to promote Export of Indian products by building their brand image;

(b) if so, the nature of the scheme and the procedure by which the companies